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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 886
By Hargrove

A RESOLUTION to honor Mr. Chip Stephenson of Cookeville.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that this legislative body honor those citizens who through their many endeavors are a credit to their respective families and communities, and to this state; and

WHEREAS, one such outstanding citizen is Mr. Chip Stephenson of Cookeville; and

WHEREAS, Chip and his cousin and cattle-showing mentor, Stephen Mullins, are a part of Tennessee's proud and productive agricultural community, as both young men are juniors in the American Angus Association. They, along with their prize winning heifers, P.J. and Rose, recently represented Tennessee, and the city of Cookeville, at the Eastern Regional Junior Angus Show in Lebanon, Ohio; and

WHEREAS, Chip Stephenson is the sixteen year-old son of Howard and Donna Stephenson. Chip is relatively new to the noble tradition of showing cattle, as he has participated in fewer than ten shows; having taken up this activity at the age of thirteen, Chip says that he is still learning from his "expert" older cousin, Stephen; and

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WHEREAS, Chip Stephenson has distinguished himself as one of more than 100 Tennessee junior members of the American Angus Association; he is one of the approximately 270 members from nineteen states who entered approximately 525 head of cattle in the most recent Eastern Regional competition; and

WHEREAS, Chip's prize heifer, P.J., is eighteen-months-old and was entered in the "owned heifers" category at the competition; Chip purchased the heifer from the Mullinses when she was eight months old, and she still resides on the Mullins's farm in Cookeville; and

WHEREAS, raised for beef, Angus cattle are all-black, pure-bred animals that originated in Scotland; approximately 70 percent of the beef cattle in America are reportedly Angus-influenced; and

WHEREAS, because showing cattle is "just something he likes to do", Chip says that he will continue to show as a "junior" until he is twenty-one years-old and then will probably raise a herd himself; and

WHEREAS, this General Assembly hereby pauses to congratulate Chip Stephenson on his recent stellar performance in showing his prize heifer, P.J., at the Eastern Regional Junior Angus Show and to wish him the best of luck at the upcoming state show in Murfreesboro; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That he hereby recognize and honor Chip Stephenson of Cookeville and his prize Angus heifer, P.J.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.